

Non-submitting of viability report before BIFR

2855. DR. Y. RADHAKRISHANA MURTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 341 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 2000 and state:

(a) whether in the BIFR hearing dated 29th December, 2000, no unit-wise viability report/study was submitted by NTC/GOI as assured in the aforesaid reply;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Bench had concluded that company/promoter lacked seriousness in making the company viable;

(d) if so, the reason therefor and action taken against those lacking seriousness;

(e) whether revival scheme is being submitted before 28th February, 2001;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d). The unit-wise approach for revival of NTC mills was filed before BIFR on 15th December, 2000 with a request to permit phase-wise implementation of the revival process. The viability data for all the units was also submitted on 22nd December, 2000. However, it was requested that further studies will be required for some mills to consider revivability options. This approach was filed with the objective of reviving maximum number of revivable mills.

BIFR, on 29th December, 2000 did not agree with the unit-wise approach as suggested and directed for filing revival plan for the subsidiaries as a whole, updating the Techno-Economic Studies of all the mills.

Whereas Textile Research Associations (TRAs) were entrusted with the task of Techno-Economic Viability Studies, their completion required further time. Besides, unconditional concurrence of State Governments was also to be obtained for sale of surplus lands and

conversion of land use. Supreme Court has given time till 25th April for completing these.

(e) to (g) Data has been submitted to Operating Agencies to enable them to submit the Revival Schemes to BIFR before the due date given by Supreme Court.

Review of the garment and textiles production

2856. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether performance in respect of garment and textiles production has been reviewed recently;

(b) if so, the details of standard/parameters separately with regard to the plants and undertaking falling under public and private sector;

(c) whether the requirements of additional financial provisions have been highlighted in the budget for want of financial resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir, the Expert Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Shri S.R. Sathyam by the Government in 1998 has done a detailed review of the textile sector, including garments production.

(b) Government have not set up any standards with regard to plants and undertakings separately for the public sector and private sector.

(c) and (d) The budget 2001-2002 has included higher allocations for the budget of the Ministry of Textiles. It has also announced fiscal concessions to attract increased investment and provide greater resources to the textile sector. The major ones are:-

(i) Initiation of a scheme for setting up Integrated Apparel Parks to enable the dereserved readymade garment industry, to set up Modern Units with the best infrastructure. A budget provision of Rs. 10 crore has been provided for the year 2001-2002.

(ii) By 2004 at least 50,000 new shuttle-less looms and